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1. At 6:40 p.m. on 2 August 1951, 7 MiG-15s, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 4 biplanes, and 1 single-engine plane were observed at the aircraft dispersal area on the eastern edge of Dessau airfield. Alert planes were not seen.
2. From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on 7 August, 3 jet fighters were observed near the flight control station, 12 jet fighters by the taxiway, 4 biplanes, and 2 single-engine aircraft at the eastern edge of the field. The cloud base was low and visibility poor. One MiG-15 [redacted] and another MiG-15 [redacted] circled the field from 8:56 to 9:11 a.m. 50X1-HUM
3. From 5 to 5:30 p.m. on 9 August, two MiG-15 [redacted] parked near the flight control station. Eight MiG-15s [redacted] by the taxiway east of the flight control station. The crews of these planes were nearby. About 5:45 p.m., the take-off of eight MiG-15s was observed. Five MiG-15s, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 3 biplanes, and 2 single-engine planes were seen in the aircraft dispersal area on the eastern portion of the field. From 5 to 5:30 p.m. on 13 August, 3 MiG-15s, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 3 biplanes, and 2 single-engine aircraft were parked at the eastern edge of the installation. 50X1-HUM
4. From 1 to 2 p.m. on 14 August, 2 MiG-15s, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 3 biplanes, and 2 single-engine planes were observed on the eastern edge of the field. Visibility was moderate and there was intermittent rain. Between 1:10 and 1:50 p.m., one MiG-15 made four four minute flights. At 2:50 p.m. on 18 August, 2 MiG-15s [redacted] were parked in front of the flight control station. One jet fighter with a fuselage step, 3 biplanes, 1 single-engine plane, and 15 MiG-15s [redacted] were identified were parked in the eastern portion of the field. Two railroad flatcars with side racks, and each loaded with two crates about 2.5 x 1.5 x 1.8 meters, were observed on the spur track that led to the fuel dump at the eastern edge of the field. 50X1-HUM
5. At 10:30 a.m. on 19 August [redacted] two alert planes [redacted] Fourteen MiG-15 [redacted] 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 4 biplanes, and 1 single-engine plane were parked at the eastern edge of the installation. 50X1-HUM

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- From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5:10 to 5:30 p.m. on 20 August, [redacted] observed the field from its eastern, northern, and western edges. The cloud ceiling was about 1,000 to 1,500 meters. During the morning 2 jet fighters were observed near the flight control station. Fourteen other jet fighters were east of the flight control station by the taxiway. During the afternoon, 2 jet fighters [redacted] and a single-engine plane [redacted] 50X1-HUM presumably an IL-10, were parked near the flight control station. Fifteen MiG-15s, 1 jet fighter with a fuselage step, 4 biplanes, and 1 single-engine plane were observed at the eastern edge of the installation. [redacted] 1 single-engine plane landing at 8:23 a.m., 3 jet fighters each landing at 9:56, 9:57 and 9:58 a.m., and 3 other jet fighters landing at 10:25 a.m. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

All the aircraft left the dispersal area two minutes prior to their take-off and returned one minute after landing. At 12:13 p.m., the eight planes parked again on the taxiway east of the flight control station. While the take-offs and landings were practiced, three squadrons of nine single-engine planes each were aloft. The eight jet fighters assembled in two groups of four planes each over the single-engine aircraft and then circled them. Sedan truck [redacted] and radio truck [redacted] were observed at the field. Security at the field was unusually strict. 50X1-HUM

1. After 10 a.m. on 21 August, the field was observed in good weather with a light overcast of about 1,000 meters. Aircraft parked at the field included 3 MiG-15s and 1 single-engine plane near the flight control station; 15 MiG-15s by the taxiway east of the flight control station; 1 MiG-15, 1 jet fighter [redacted] 50X1-HUM with a fuselage step, 3 biplanes, and 1 IL-10 [redacted]. At 11 a.m. two groups of 6 and one group of 4 MiG-15s landed. At 11:55 a.m. the four jet fighters [redacted] took off in groups of two at an interval of one minute. One jet fighter and two groups of two jet fighters took off later. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- The other planes landed at intervals of 30 seconds [redacted] 50X1-HUM after 12:29 p.m. Except for three planes, the aircraft then taxied back on the runway. One jet plane with a crew of two in tandem made seven four-minute flights without changing its crew between 1:04 and 2:12 p.m. The plane [redacted] and after each landing taxied back to the take-off point on the runway. \* 50X1-HUM

- \* Comment. The report indicates that the field is still occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s, 1 type-26 plane, about 4 PO-2s and 4 Yak-11s. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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